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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:

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For your information, on Saturday night, 20 December 1947, at about 11:45 p.m., I received a long distance telephone call from Mr. Charles Thayer, who heads up the Russian Section of the "Voice of America" in New York. Mr. Thayer was at this time in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and had called the editor on duty in [REDACTED] just prior to calling me. The editor on duty did not recognize Mr. Thayer as being an official of the "Voice of America", and since this call came from Philadelphia he refused to supply Mr. Thayer with the information he requested. Mr. Thayer requested of me that I inform the editor on duty to telephone him long distance in Philadelphia and give him the latest information on what the Russian Radio was saying concerning the deflation of the Russian ruble.

Since Mr. Thayer seemed to attach considerable importance to receipt of this information at the earliest possible moment, I directed the editor in charge to telephone him in Philadelphia and supply the information requested at government expense.

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